

wherein said protective article is [an elongated strap] a mitten.

4. (Original) The sound generating apparatus as specified in Claim 1, wherein said means for generating sound comprises:

a power source;

an electronic circuit connected to said power source, said electronic circuit capable of storing a prerecorded sound; and

an audio speaker connected to said electronic circuit and said power source.

5. (Currently Amended) The sound generating apparatus as specified in Claim 1, wherein said means for allowing the user to rapidly and repeatedly actuate and de-actuate said means for generating sound is a shock pulse sensor that is actuated and de-actuated by the user clapping his or her hands.

6. (Currently Amended) The sound generating apparatus as specified in Claim 1, wherein said means for allowing the user to rapidly and repeatedly actuate and de-actuate said means for generating sound is an accelerometer that is actuated and de-actuated by the user clapping his or her hands.

7. (Currently Amended) A sound generating apparatus comprising:

[an] a protective article [adapted to be] worn [on] over and completely covering a user's hand;

an electronic assembly contained within said protective article, said electronic assembly having means for generating sound and
[means for generating sound within said electronic assembly; and]

means for allowing the user to rapidly and repeatedly actuate and de-actuate said means for generating sound [within said electronic assembly].

8. (Currently Amended) The sound generating apparatus as specified in Claim 7, wherein said protective article is a glove.
9. (Currently Amended) The sound generating apparatus as specified in Claim 7, wherein said protective article is [an elongated strap] a mitten.
10. (Original) The sound generating apparatus as specified in Claim 1, wherein said means for generating sound comprises:
 - a power source;
 - an electronic circuit connected to said power source, said electronic circuit capable of storing a prerecorded sound; and
 - an audio speaker connected to said electronic circuit and said power source.
11. (Currently Amended) The sound generating apparatus as specified in Claim 7, wherein said means for allowing the user to rapidly and repeatedly actuate and de-actuate said means for generating sound is a shock pulse sensor that is actuated and de-actuated by the user clapping his or her hands.
12. (Currently Amended) The sound generating apparatus as specified in claim 7, wherein said means for allowing the user to rapidly and repeatedly actuate and de-actuate said means for generating sound is an accelerometer that is actuated and de-actuated by the user clapping his or her hands.

13. (Currently Amended) A sound generating [device] apparatus comprising:
- [an] a protective article [adapted to be] worn [on] over and completely covering a user's hand;
- an electronic assembly coupled with [capable of emitting sounds associated with showing approval or disapproval of an event] said protective article, said electronic assembly having means for generating sound and
- [an actuator connected to said electronic assembly,]
- [wherein said actuator energizes said electronic assembly to result in emitting of sound]
- means for allowing the user to rapidly and repeatedly actuate and de-actuate said means for generating sound.
14. (Currently Amended) The sound generating apparatus as specified in claim 13, wherein said [actuator is a shock pulse sensor] protective article is a glove.
15. (Currently Amended) The sound generating apparatus as specified in claim 13, wherein said [actuator is an on/off switch] protective article is a mitten.
16. (Cancelled)
17. (Currently Amended) The sound generating [device] apparatus as specified in Claim 13, wherein the sounds emitted from the electronic assembly are associated with an athletic event.
18. (Currently Amended) The sound generating [device] apparatus as specified in claim 13, [further comprising a selection structure for selecting from a variety of

sounds to be emitted from the electronic assembly] wherein said means for allowing the user to rapidly and repeatedly actuate and de-actuate said means for generating sound is a shock pulse sensor that is actuated and de-actuated by the user clapping his or her hands.

19. (Currently Amended) The sound generating [device] apparatus as specified in claim 13, wherein [the actuator operates in response to the clapping motion of hands] said means for allowing the user to rapidly and repeatedly actuate and de-actuate said means for generating sound is an accelerometer that is actuated and de-actuated by the user clapping his or her hands.
20. (Cancelled)